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Centreville Jail

1908

Centreville

Public and Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Centreville Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest corner North Liberty Street and Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

County Commissioners of Queen Anne's Co. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Centreville Jail is located on the southwest corner of North Liberty Street and Broadway. This has been the site of the town jail since Centreville was laid out in 1792. The present building, constructed in 1908, is the third jail to stand on this site.

Designed by the Baltimore architectural firm of F. E. Davis and H. R. Davis, this large brick building is comprised of a massive, 2 1/2 story front section that serves as the sheriff's residence and offices, and a smaller two story cell block to the rear. The front section is actually divided in function on a longitudinal axis, with the east half, facing Liberty Street, serving as the sheriff's residence. The offices are in the back or west half of the building, with separate entrances on the north and south wall, and direct access to the cell block to the rear.

The main building is nearly square, with a massive slate gable-on-hip roof and a projecting cross gable at the north end of the front facade. The rear cell block is slightly lower than the

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Davis and Davis

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1908, the present Centreville Jail stands on the lot designated for the town jail when Centreville was laid out in 1792. This building is the third jail built on this site. It was designed by F. E. Davis and H. R. Davis, a prominent Baltimore architectural firm, and was constructed by Pilchard and Furness.

In plan and composition the building is relatively simple, and bears much in common with the late 18th century Court House to the east and with the large brick and frame dwellings found throughout the town. It is an excellent example of turn-of-the-century design, incorporating numerous details of the Beaux Arts and Colonial Revival styles.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/17/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XIV; Recorded December 12, 1979.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

front section and has a hip roof.

The front facade, facing Liberty Street and the Court House green, is five bays wide. The three north bays project forward approximately nine inches and are set off by a cross gable. The entrance door with transom is in the center bay on the first floor, flanked by two 1/1 windows on each side. Five 1/1 windows are ranged across the second floor and a three part Venetian window is centered in the cross gable. A pitched roof dormer with segmental arched 1/1 sash is centered above the two south bays on the hip roof.

The brickwork is laid in stretcher bond above a dressed ashlar stone foundation. The window and door openings are trimmed with stone lintels and sills. The lintels are splayed with projecting keystones and the arched lintel of the Venetian window is molded.

The eaves are finished with a bold dentil block cornice above a corbeled brick frieze course. The cornice and frieze course returns at the base of the cross gable and the cornice is carried up the gable eaves.

A one story open porch with simple round columns and plain ballustrade is carried across the first

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

floor of this facade.

The north facade, facing Broadway, clearly expresses the separation of interior space into three distinct sections. A flush brick chimney is centered on the east half of the wall, delineating that part of the building used as the sheriff's residence.

The bay to the left of the chimney is uninterrupted by windows. Immediately to the right of the chimney there is a single 1/1 window on the first and second floor. The rear half of the building serves as the sheriff's office, and for this purpose there is a large entrance door in the extreme west bay, with one small 1/1 window immediately to the left and two more 1/1 windows further to the east. Three 1/1 windows are ranged across this portion of the second story. The window directly above the door is downset slightly and has a transom above, presumably lighting an interior stair. A large dormer with a three-part Venetian window is centered on the third story. A set of steps lead down to an exterior cellar entrance to the left of center. At the east end of the first floor, a marble plaque set in the wall identifies the date of construction, the architect, the contractor, and the

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

names of the town commissioners responsible for the construction of the building.

The north wall of the rear cell block projects approximately two feet out from the north wall of the main building. This section is relatively plain by comparison, with two barred windows on the first and second floor and smaller barred cellar windows in the foundations. The windows are trimmed with stone sills and wood lintels. The brickwork is laid in stretcher bond with a five-course corbeled brick cornice. The foundation is course ashlar.

The south facade of the main building exhibits the same delineation of function with an almost identical fenestration pattern. The east bay, to the right of a flush chimney, is uninterrupted by openings. There is a single 1/1 window on each floor immediately to the left of the chimney, and to the west of this window are three 1/1 windows and a door on the first floor and three 1/1 windows on the second floor. A large pitched roof dormer with three-part Venetian window is centered on the third story. A small one-story entrance porch protects the westernmost window and the door on the first floor.

~~CONTINUATION SHEET~~~~7.4 DESCRIPTION~~

The south wall of the rear cell block projects out approximately two feet from the south wall of the main building. It is essentially identical to the north wall. The rear wall of the cell block is three bays wide with large barred windows on the first and second floor and smaller barred cellar windows in the foundation. A bulkhead cellar entrance is located in the center bay of the foundation.

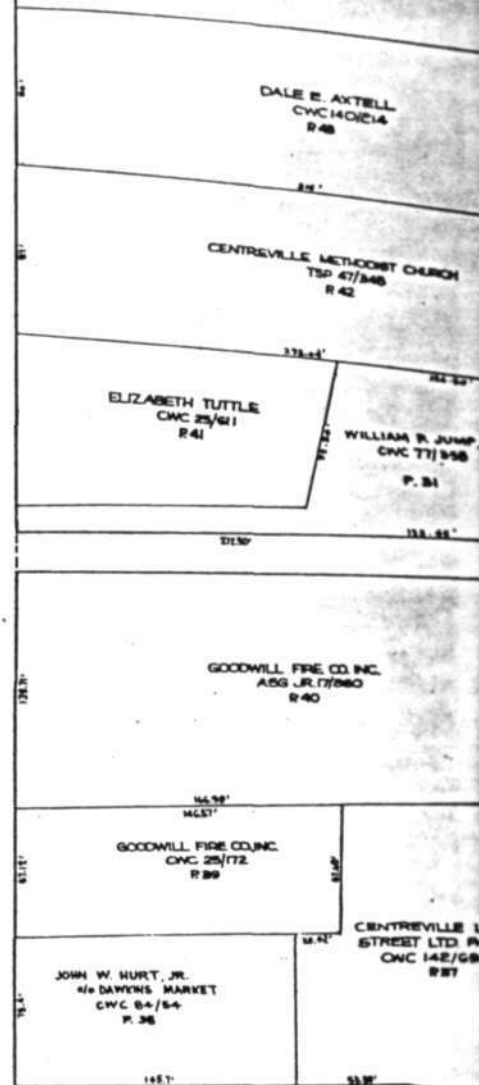
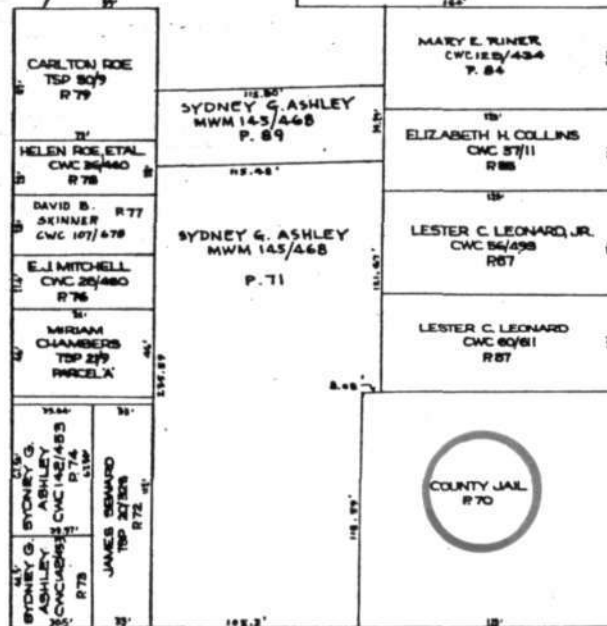
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BELVEDERE AVE.

CHESTERFIELD AVE. MD. 304

STREET

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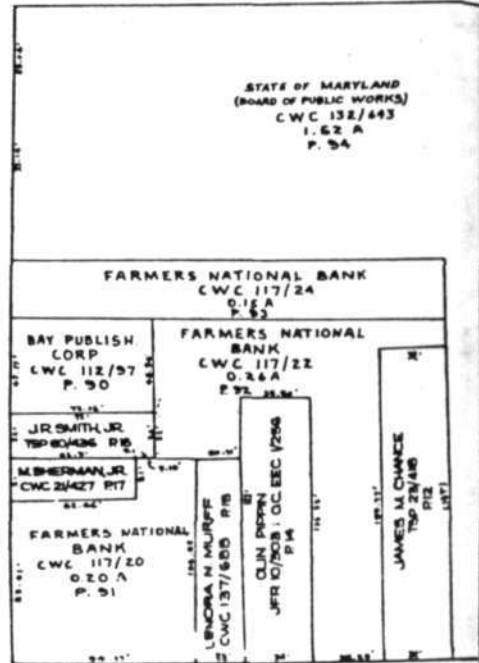
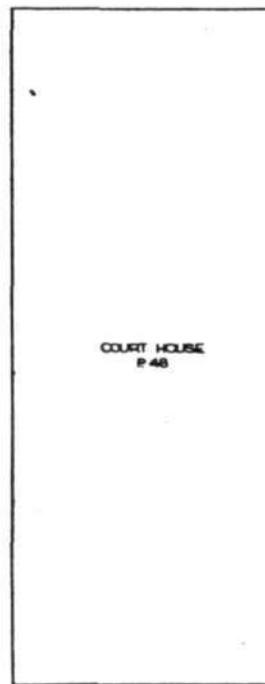
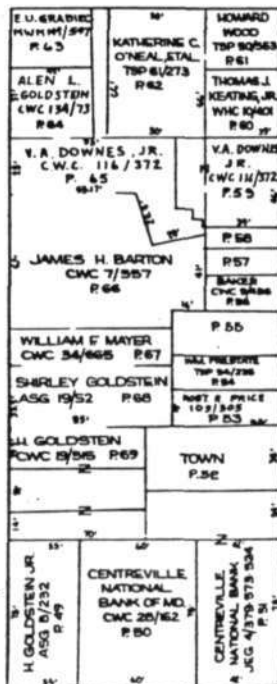
LIBERTY

QA-332 CENTREVILLE JAIL

WATER

LAWYERS ROW

BROADWAY



COMMERCE

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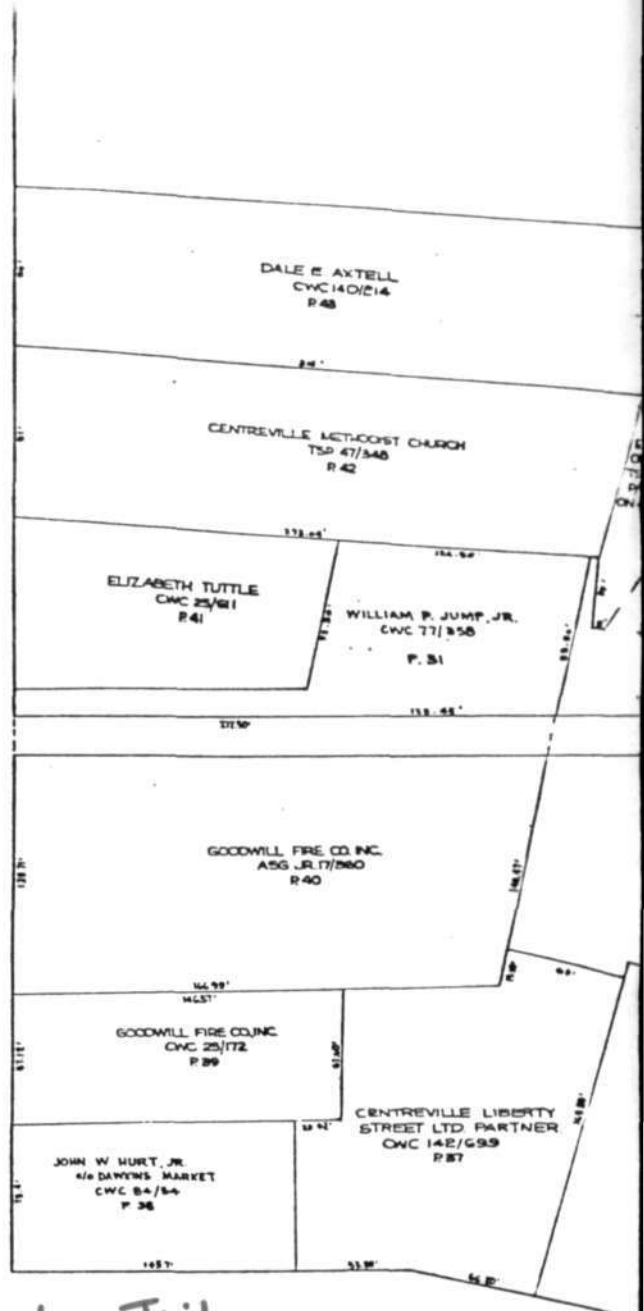
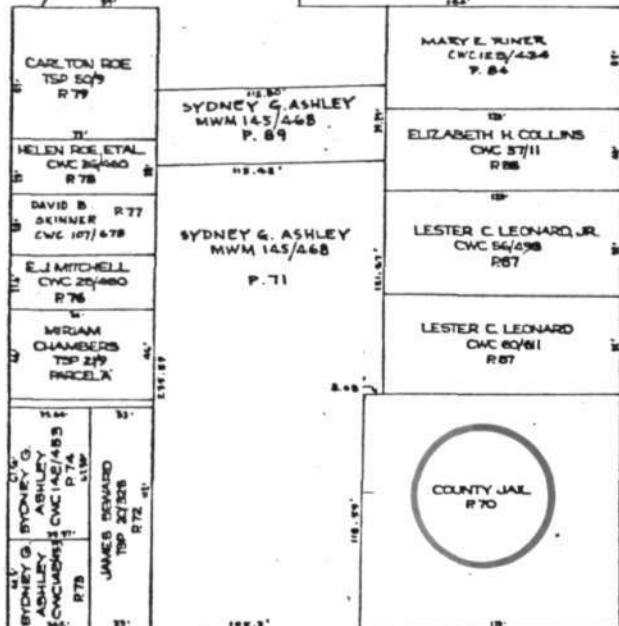
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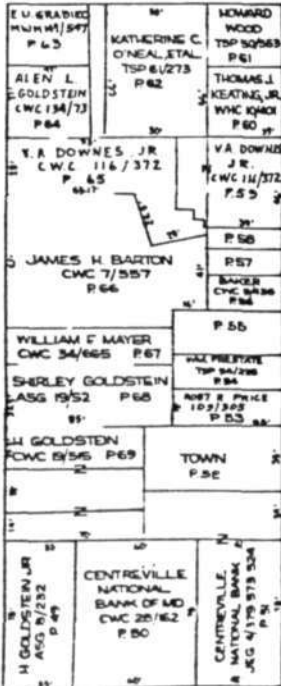


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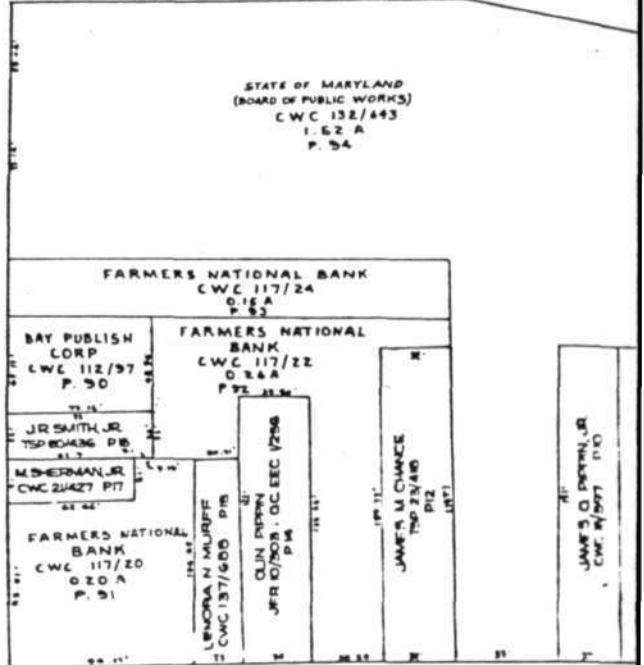
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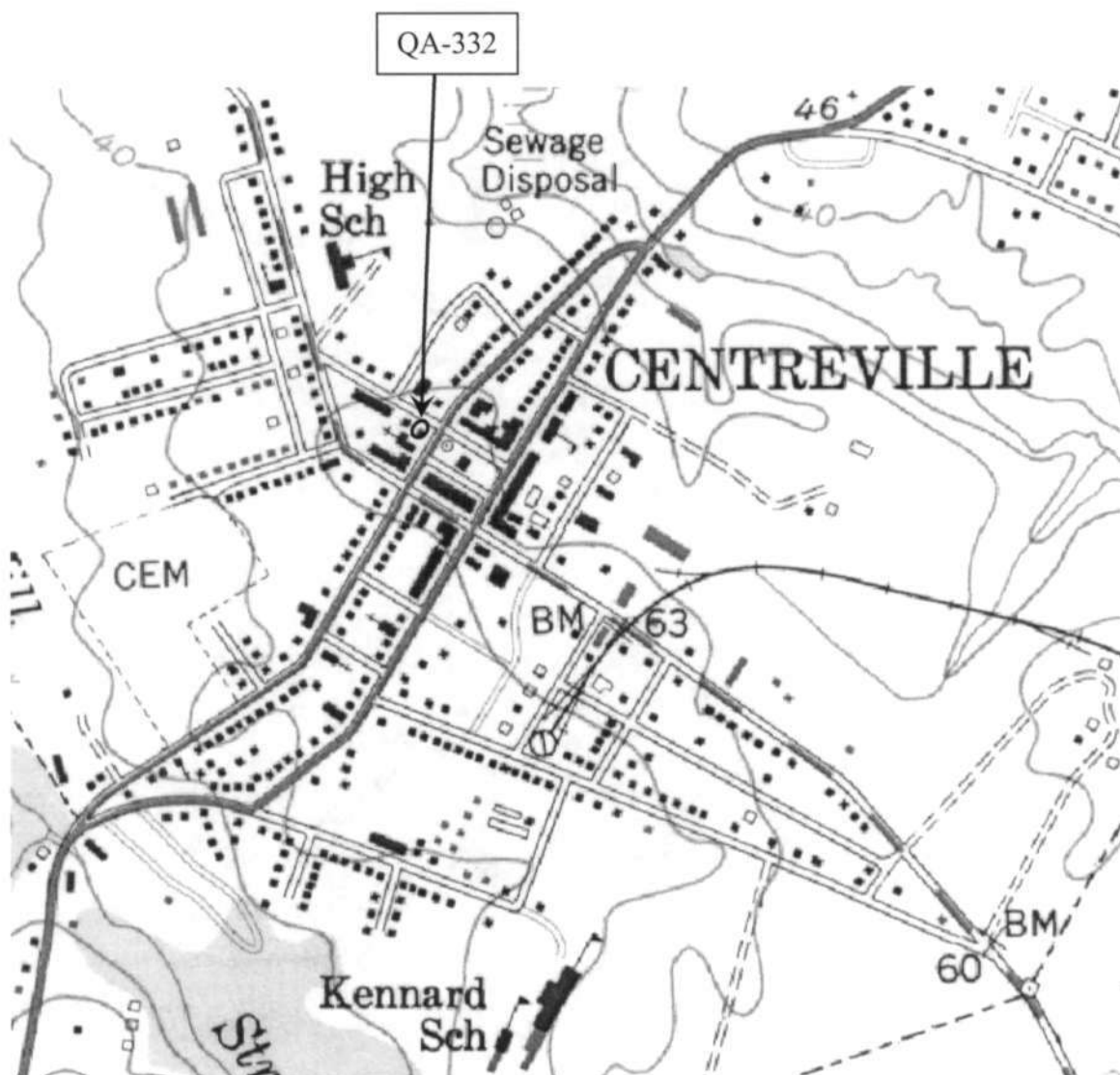
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COMMERCE

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Centreville Jail
Liberty St. and Broadway St.
Centreville
Centreville Quad.
Queen Anne's Co.





QA-332 Centreville Jail
 Centreville, Maryland
 Orlando Ridout V 1980
 Front facade from Southeast



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Centreville Jail
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from North